

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4205, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle C of title I (page 27, after line 24), insert the following new section:

**1 SEC. 125. ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN SHIPBUILDING
2 PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.—The Secretary of De-
4 fense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Navy, shall
5 conduct an economic analysis—

6 (1) on the benefits of spreading the budget for
7 the CVN(X) class of aircraft carriers over a six-year
8 period, or the optimum number of years, to provide
9 a stable budget; and

10 (2) on the program profile and the budget for
11 the next LHD of the class over a three-year period,
12 or the optimum number of years, beginning in fiscal
13 year 2002.

14 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES.—The Secretary shall submit the analysis to the
16 congressional defense committees not later than February
17 1, 2001. The analysis shall include the following:

18 (1) The economic effect of stabilizing the an-
19 nual budget process for the Shipbuilding and Con-
20 version, Navy, account by dividing the expected total



1 funding for each class of ship and spreading it
2 equally over six years, or the optimum number of
3 years and funding profile, for the CVN(X) class, and
4 three years, or the optimum profile, for the LHD
5 class.

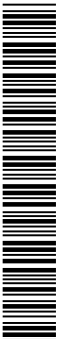
6 (2) The benefits the budgeting method de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1) could have on providing
8 greater budget and production stability in other
9 shipbuilding programs in the plan.

10 (3) A determination as to whether such budg-
11 eting method would facilitate the ability of the Navy
12 to acquire vessels in those classes less expensively
13 and when needed.

14 (4) The effect of entering into a contract with
15 the shipbuilder in the year in which the first incre-
16 ment of funding is provided and the potential cost
17 savings to the program as a result of the shipbuilder
18 having greater certainty and stability in the plan-
19 ning and production schedule.

20 (5) A recommendation on the safeguards that
21 would have to be put in place to preclude reprogram-
22 ming of funds for those programs.

23 (6) A list of all laws, regulations, and other im-
24 pediments that would have to be amended or modi-



- 1 fied to effectively implement such a funding ap-
- 2 proach for those ship classes.

